

THE SHELTON CHRONICLE

a newsletter for faculty and staff of Shelton State Community College

ROGERS ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF SHELTON STATE

Dear Colleagues:

Whenever I have the opportunity to talk with other college presidents about Shelton State, I always receive the same reaction from them. They are overwhelmed with what you have accomplished over the past decade at the college.

- * Completing the successful merger between Fredd State and Shelton State
- * SACS
- * Leading a pilot project of transition from the quarter to the semester system for Alabama's two year colleges
- * SACS (again)
- * Planning for a new college campus
- * Building a new college campus
- * Moving from the old campuses to the new one
- * SACS (still again!)

All of these things were

accomplished while you maintained a very high level of service and instruction to our students. These challenges were met with unmatched dedication, pride and professionalism.

We can now move forward with confidence because the challenges of the past have prepared us for the issues of the future. We will meet as a faculty and staff soon to discuss our goals and your needs as we prepare for the first half of this new century.

The past 10 years at Shelton State have been filled with many wonderful experiences for my family and me. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the college's history and accomplishments.

Rick Rogers

BARBECUE BASH THIS MONTH

In 1991 the Shelton State Foundation held its first Barbecue Bash, a fund raiser for the organization that would help raise scholarships for

deserving students. The format for the event would be casual and include good food, great prizes, and bingo. The first bash was termed a success and raised over \$1,000 for the organization.

This year the Shelton State Foundation will host the Barbecue Bash Thursday, September 21, at the college. The bash will begin in the atrium area of the Martin Campus with a silent auction from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. followed by bingo at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Bash are \$20 and include dinner and bingo.

Last year's Barbecue Bash raised over \$11,000.00 in profits and helped send over 30 people from the west Alabama area to Shelton State.

Two cars will be auctioned the night of the Bash as part of the silent auction. Some other items included in the auction are a free vacation with airfare, original artwork, giftware, a set of B.F. Goodrich tires, jewelry, women's and children's clothes, and many other items.

Approximately \$1,000 will be given away during bingo, according to

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Elizabeth Abrasley, Barbecue Bash chair. To purchase tickets, call the foundation office, (205) 391-2298.

A look at a few people the Shelton State Foundation has helped through its scholarship program

For people like **Stephanie Baham** of Northport, these scholarships have helped her turn her life around.

Baham, a 29-year-old divorced mother of five children, is employed full time as an insurance specialist with DCH Regional Medical Center. However, to advance and better support her children, Baham knows she must have not only the necessary skills but some formal college training as well. This fall she enrolled in Shelton's Office Administration program.

However, life has thrown some other problems at Baham. After receiving the scholarship from the Shelton Foundation, she found she would also have to battle breast cancer. "I'm going to overcome this too," Baham says. "I know I have the drive and determination to succeed in school and in the career I ultimately pursue. As the sole provider for a family of five children, I need whatever financial assistance I can qualify for to pay tuition and meet other school-related expenses. I want to be a successful role model for my children and encourage them to better their lives through education."

***Laura Farmer** has worked hard the last few years to turn her life around. With a scholarship from the foundation, she has the opportunity to go back to college and get a degree. Farmer is a divorced mother of two boys and a survivor of 13 years of domestic violence. She is an educational speaker for the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence

and volunteer with the local women's advocacy group, *Turning Point*.

Farmer believes the best way for her to educate others to the dynamics of abuse, so they can stop it, is to educate herself. She lacks only two courses to complete an associate degree in psychology. With an associate degree, she plans to transfer to the University of Alabama and ultimately complete her doctorate in psychology and counseling. With an education she can raise her sons in a more secure financial environment and in doing so, set a positive example that no matter how bad the situation may be, you can turn things around.

* A new scholarship was established this past year, the **Larry Black Memorial Scholarship**, by Sandy and Jean Gordon. Katherine Howell will be the recipient of the scholarship this year. Howell is a senior at Tuscaloosa County High School with a 3.2 GPA. She is an Outstanding Senior, a member of Key Club, Interact Club, SGA, the tennis team, volleyball team and a member of Who's Who Among America's High School Students and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. If you would like to make a donation to this scholarship, contact the Foundation office, ext. 2298.

WILL YOU HAVE AN EVENT THIS YEAR?

If you are planning any events during the 2000-2001 year, don't forget you must register them on the college's Master Calendar. This includes all areas of the college and assures people planning events that they will have ample security,

maintenance, and other administrative support. For additional information, contact Lucy Kubiszyn, ext. 2221 or 2252.

THEATRE TUSCALOOSA SECONDSTAGE

Theatre Tuscaloosa SecondStage is now accepting through September 15 proposals for the 2000-2001 two-show season. Approved proposals will receive a \$500 budget and technical support. SecondStage gives new directors, playwrights and performers an opportunity to present two productions during the season, one in the fall and one in the spring. For more information, call ext. 2277.

ON CAMPUS

*Shelton State will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.

* The Alabama State Board of Education during its August meeting appointed Tom Umphrey president emeritus of Shelton State Community College in appreciation of his contributions to public education.

* Mark your calendars! On September 29, a Quality Month Pep Rally will be held from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the Fredd Campus. More information will be available later.

* Congratulations to the following employees on their new positions: Judy Holland, Secretary to the President; Janet Hendrix, Receptionist for the President's Office.